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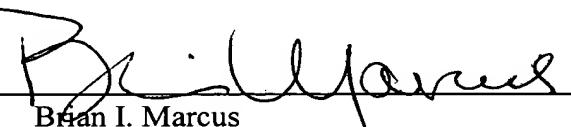
The Examiner rejected the reply filed on January 19, 2000 as not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the applicant did not follow the rules as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicant has amended the claims to follow the rules as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.121, and it is respectfully requested that the objection to the reply be withdrawn.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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